

Basic Screening Survey Summary Sheet



Indicator # 1—Untreated Cavities

0 = no untreated cavities

1 = untreated cavities

Cavity:

- Loss of ½ mm of enamel
- Brown to dark brown color of the walls of the cavity
- Teeth can be decayed even if they have a filling or a crown

Retained Root

- Assume whole tooth destroyed by cavity - Code as 1=caries

Indicator 2—Caries Experience (children who have had a cavity)

0 = No caries experience

1 = Caries experience

Caries Experience

- Untreated cavity
- A filling
- Permanent molar (6 or 12 yr.) missing because it was extracted due to decay
- This measure *only for children*—not adults

Three Basic Types of Fillings

- Amalgam
- Tooth colored fillings
- Temporary fillings

For this screening-- **crowns = caries experience**

Indicator 3—Dental Sealants

0 = no sealants

1 = sealants present

Indicator 4—Early Childhood Caries

Children through age 3

0 = No ECC

1 = ECC present

Indicator 5—Adults

0 = no natural teeth

1 = Adults who have one or more of their own teeth (natural)

Indicator 6--Treatment Urgency

Category	Recommendation for next dental visit	Criteria
Code 2 Urgent Need	Within 24 hours	Signs or symptoms that include pain, infection, swelling or soft tissue ulceration of more than 2 weeks duration (determined by questioning).
Code 1 Early dental care is needed	Within 2 to 3 weeks	Caries without the accompanying signs or symptoms, individuals with spontaneous bleeding of the gums, suspicious white or red soft tissue areas or an ill fitting denture.
Code 0 No obvious problems	Routine dental care Next regular check up	Any individual without any problems as indicated in Codes 1 and 2.